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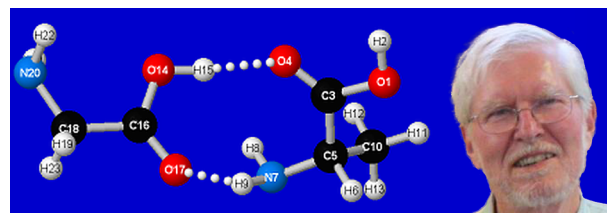
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## PERSPECTIVE

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### Personal recollections of a quantum chemist

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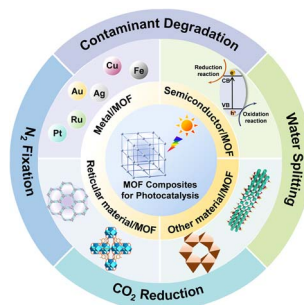


## REVIEW

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### Recent advances in MOF composites for photocatalysis

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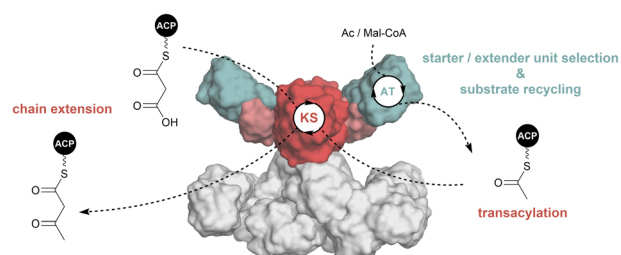
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### Biochemical dissection of a fungal highly reducing polyketide synthase condensing region reveals basis for acyl group selection

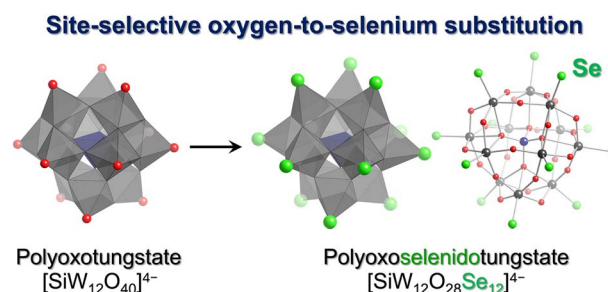
Mia E. Foran, Nazia B. Auckloo, Y. T. Candace Ho, Shaonan Liu, Yang Hai and Matthew Jenner\*



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### Synthesis of a Keggin-type polyoxoselenidotungstate via site-selective oxygen-to-selenium substitution

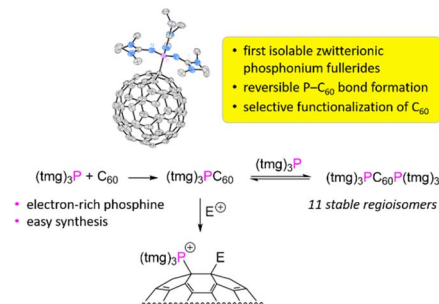
Kentaro Yonesato,\* Yota Watanabe, Magda Pascual-Borràs, R. John Errington, Kazuya Yamaguchi and Kosuke Suzuki\*



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### Phosphonium fullerides: isolable zwitterionic adducts of a phosphine with $\text{C}_{60}$

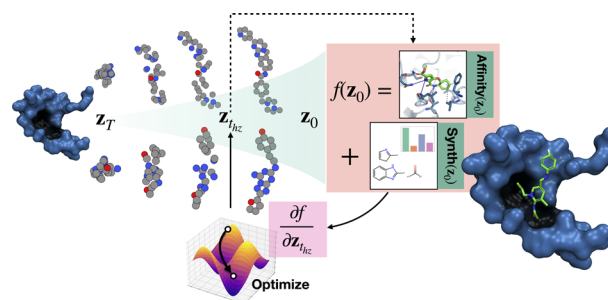
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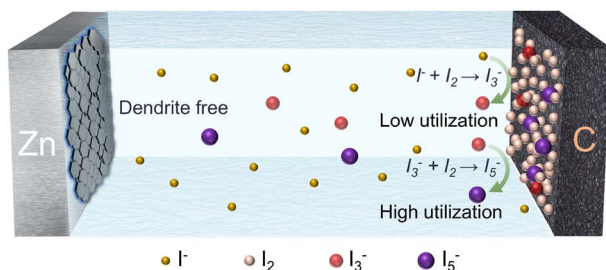
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### Guided multi-objective generative AI to enhance structure-based drug design

Amit Kadan,\* Kevin Ryczko,\* Erika Lloyd, Adrian Roitberg and Takeshi Yamazaki\*



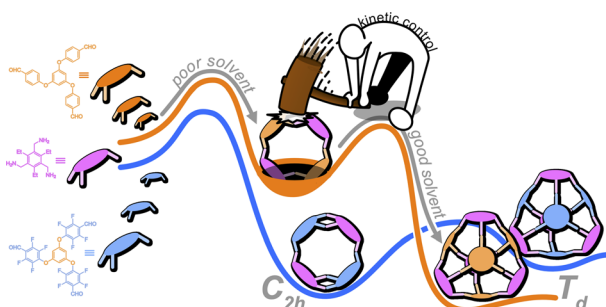
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### Iodide-mediated intermediate regulation strategy enables high-capacity and ultra-stable zinc–iodine batteries

Zhijie Xu, Jiaqi Yang, Peng Sun, Yaoyu Chen, Zhengxiao Ji, Xusheng Wang, Min Xu,<sup>\*</sup> Jinliang Li<sup>\*</sup> and Likun Pan<sup>\*</sup>

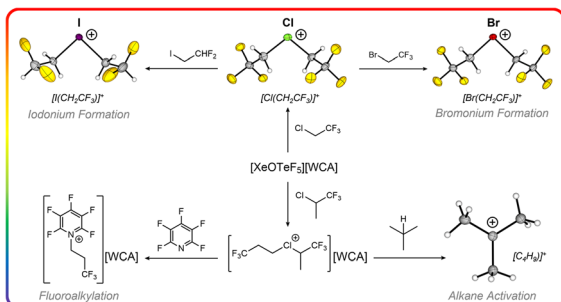
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### Structural control of dynamic covalent cages: kinetic vs. thermodynamic assembly and PFAS removal from water

Tobias Pausch, Pablo Martinez Mestre, Fabiola Zapata, Andreas Mix and Bernd M. Schmidt<sup>\*</sup>

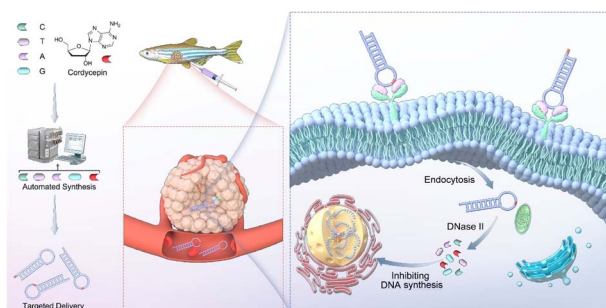
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### On the synthesis and structure of reactive halonium ions

Lukas Fischer, Michael H. Lee, Anja Wiesner, Carsten Müller and Sebastian Riedel<sup>\*</sup>

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### Cordycepin: a dual-function molecular element for aptamer engineering with enhanced anticancer activity

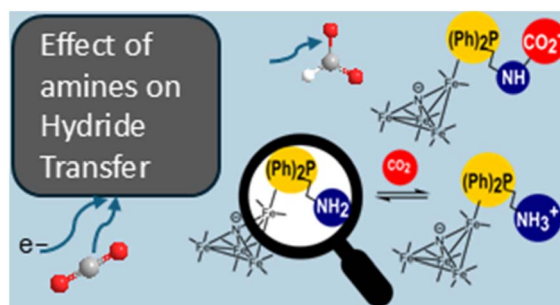
Fei Gao, Li Na, Shuyue Fu, Jinsong Peng, Shipeng He,<sup>\*</sup> Ruowen Wang<sup>\*</sup> and Weihong Tan<sup>\*</sup>



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### Amine groups alter product selectivity and rate of catalytic hydride transfer reactions

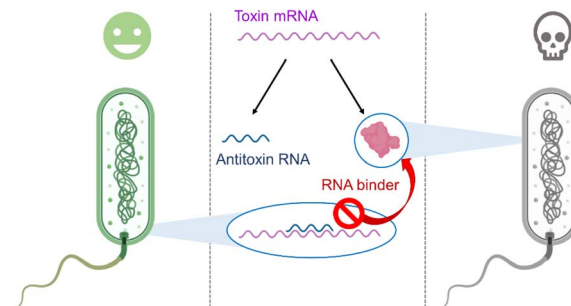
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### Synthetic RNA ligands as activators of type I toxin–antitoxin systems: a novel antimicrobial strategy targeting *Helicobacter pylori*

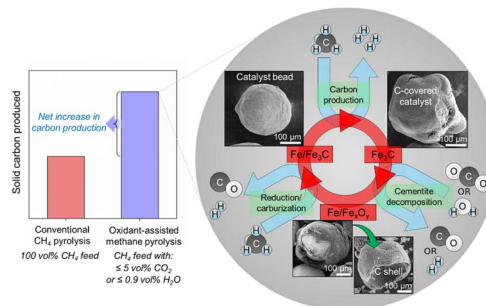
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### Oxidant-assisted methane pyrolysis

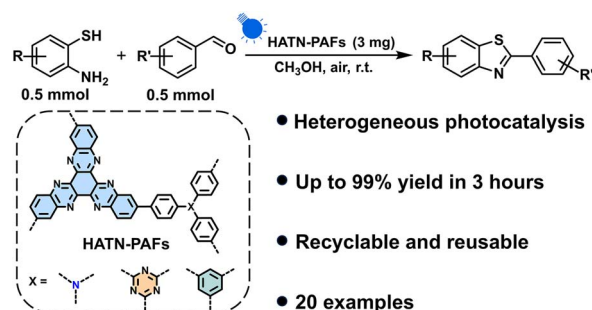
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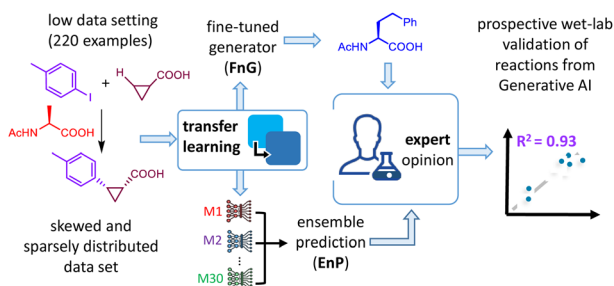
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### Optimal photosynthesis of 2-benzothiazoles over hexaazatrinaphthylene-based porous aromatic frameworks

Jingjing Shao, He Wang, Xin Tao\* and Guangshan Zhu



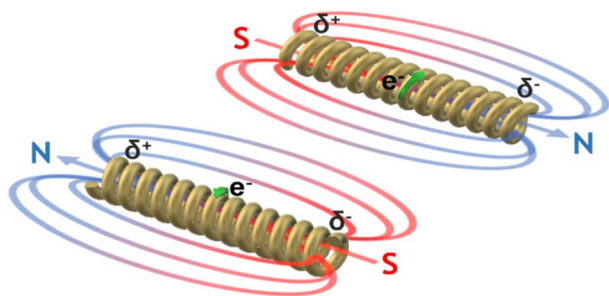
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### Molecular Machine Learning Approach to Enantioselective C–H Bond Activation Reactions: From Generative AI to Experimental Validation

Ajnabiul Hoque, Taiwei Chang, Jin-Quan Yu\* and Raghavan B. Sunoj\*

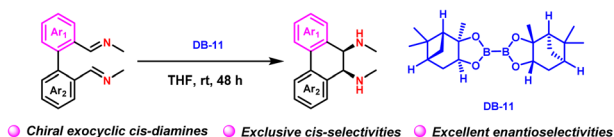
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### Exogenous chemically-driven electromagnets

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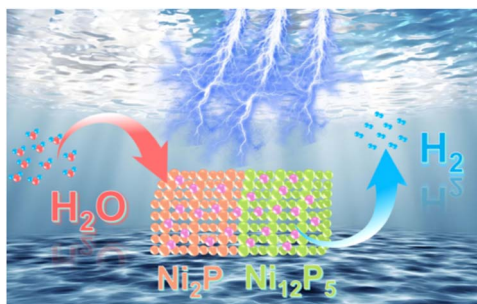
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### Asymmetric intramolecular reductive coupling of bisimines templated by chiral diborons

Tian Chen, Hao-Yang Wang, Ronghua Xu, Guangqing Xu, He Yang,\* Jiangtao Sun,\* Lung Wa Chung\* and Wenjun Tang\*

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### Microwave quasi-solid-constructed Ni<sub>2</sub>P–Ni<sub>12</sub>P<sub>5</sub>-supported Os with unique metal–support interaction for anion-exchange membrane seawater electrolysis

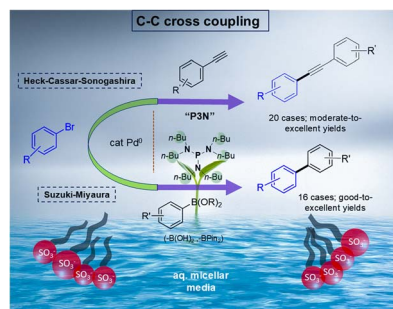
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### A new P3N ligand for Pd-catalyzed cross-couplings in water

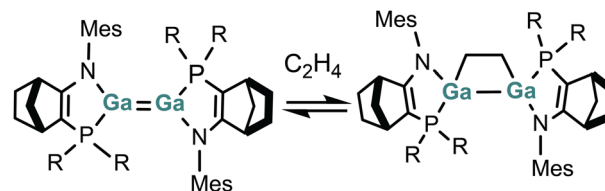
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### Reversible addition of ethene to gallium(i) monomers and dimers

Ryan J. Schwamm, Malavika A. Bhide, Gary S. Nichol and Michael J. Cowley\*



Reversible reactivity with ethene

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### Intramolecular tension-driven self-recovering mechanochromism in organic microcrystals

Weihan Guo, Hua Zhao, Mingda Wang, Leilei Si, Kaixin Yang, Guomin Xia\* and Hongming Wang\*

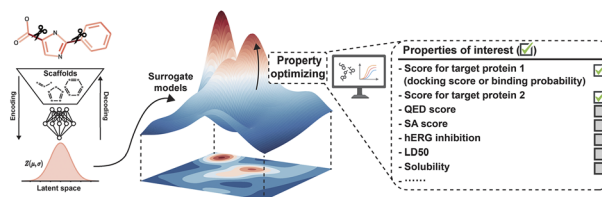
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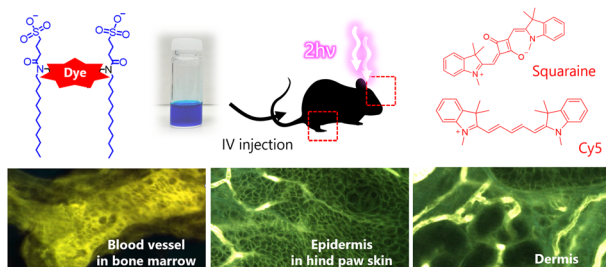
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### Multi-objective drug design with a scaffold-aware variational autoencoder

Tiejun Dong, Linlin You\* and Calvin Yu-Chian Chen\*



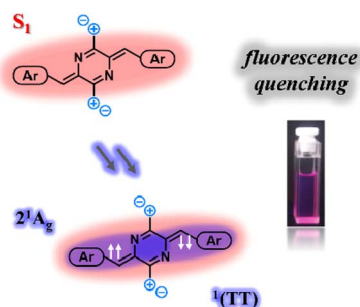
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### Bright and water-dispersible membrane probes enable visualization of cellular morphologies and dynamics in light-scattering tissues of living mice

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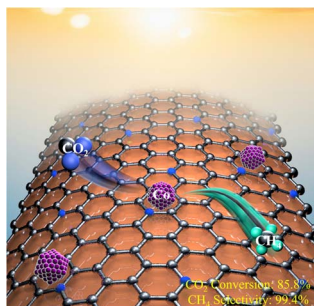
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### Side-chain ionization enables ultrafast intramolecular singlet fission in the azaquinodimethane skeleton

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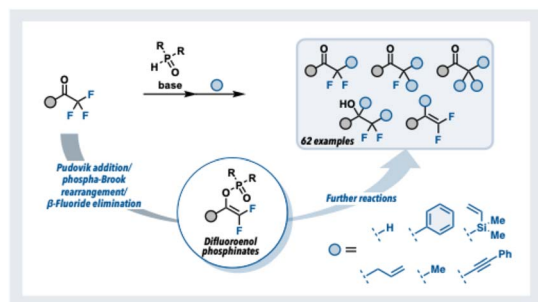
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### Controllable construction of cobalt nanoparticles in nitrogen-doped carbon nanotubes for photothermal CO<sub>2</sub> methanation

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### Difluoroenol phosphinates as difluoroenolate surrogates: synthesis and applications in defluorination and deoxygenative coupling

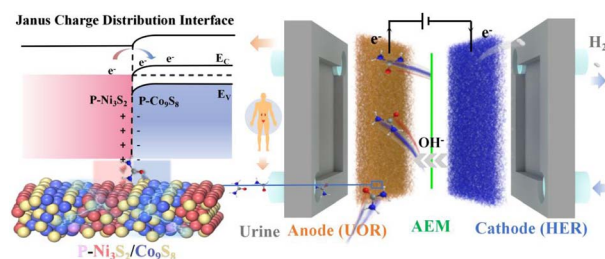
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### Activating Janus charge distribution on the P-doped $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8$ interface for enhancing charge-matched urea adsorption: boosting high current hydrogen production via coupled urine degradation

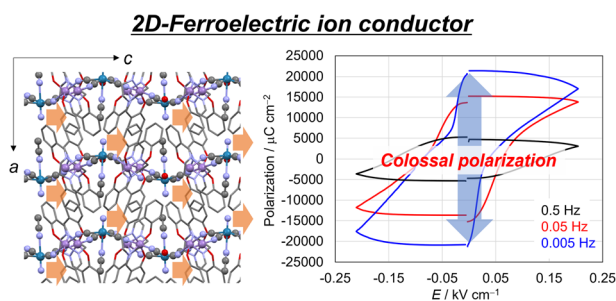
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### A ferroelectric proton conductor with colossal polarization induced by in-plane symmetry breaking in a two-dimensional coordination polymer

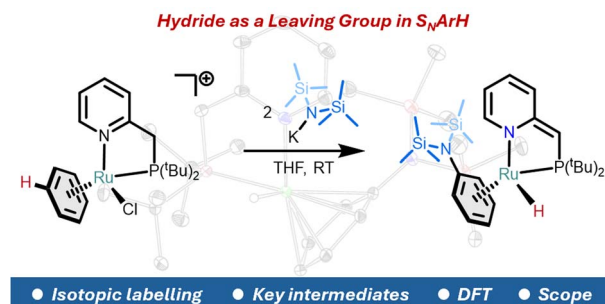
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### Ruthenium-mediated nucleophilic aromatic substitution of hydrogen in benzene

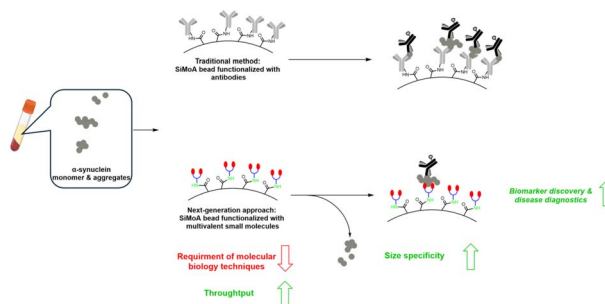
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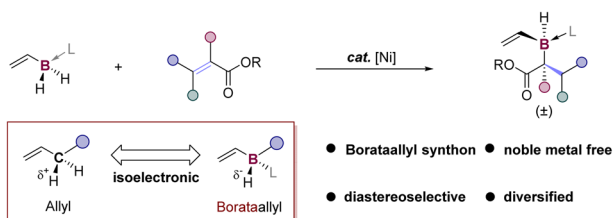
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### Detecting alpha-synuclein aggregates with small molecules on single-molecule array

Jeff Y. L. Lam, Timothy S. Chisholm, Hadia Almahli, Elizabeth A. English, Zengjie Xia, Yunzhao Wu, Matthew R. Cheetham\*, Christopher A. Hunter\* and David Klenerman\*



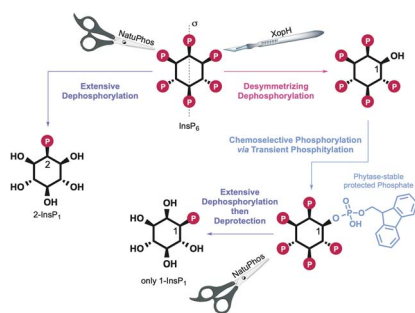
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### Nickel-catalyzed diastereoselective hydroboration of acrylates with a vinylborane reagent

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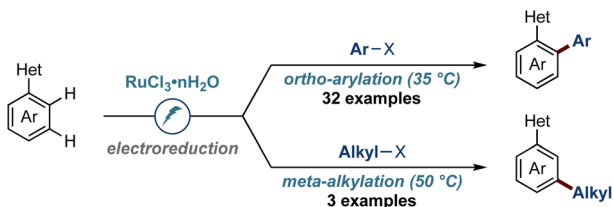
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### Stereoselective chemoenzymatic phytate transformations provide access to diverse inositol phosphate derivatives

Georg Markus Häner, Guizhen Liu, Esther Lange, Nikolaus Jork, Klaus Ditrich, Ralf Greiner, Gabriel Schaaf and Henning J. Jessen\*

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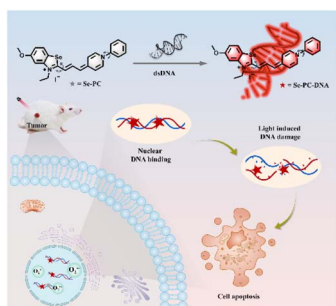


### Electroreductive room-temperature C–H activations with $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ precatalyst via cathodic ruthenium(III/II) manifold

Takuya Michiyuki, Tristan von Münchow, Zhipeng Lin, Binbin Yuan, João C. A. Oliveira and Lutz Ackermann\*

- Direct utilization of  $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Mild conditions
- Electroreduction
- *ortho*- and *meta*-C–H functionalizations
- Late-stage diversification

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### A nuclear targeted type-I photosensitizer for anti-tumor therapy

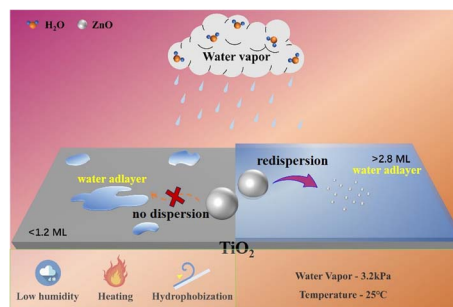
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### Mechanistic insights into spontaneous redispersion of ZnO onto TiO<sub>2</sub> in water-containing environments

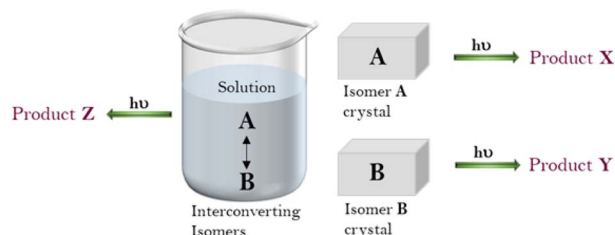
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### Isomer-dependent reactivity in the solid state: topochemical [4 + 4] vs. [4 + 2] cycloaddition reactions

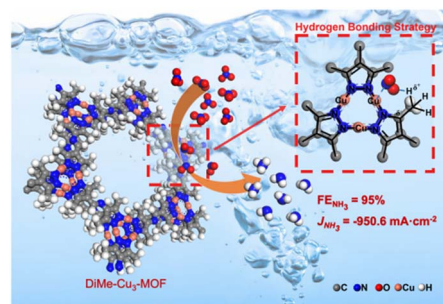
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### Hydrogen-bond mediated electrocatalytic nitrate reduction to ammonia over metal-organic frameworks with industrial current density

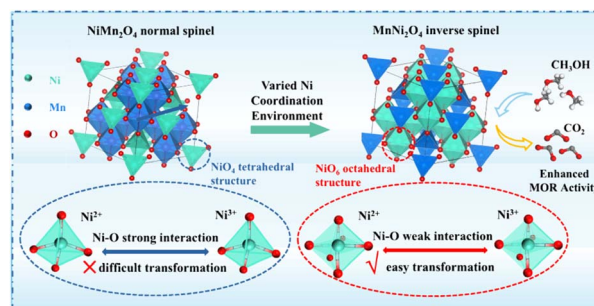
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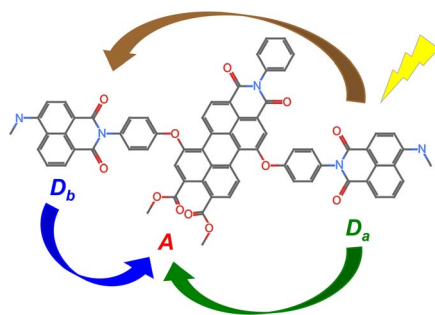
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### Insight into Ni active site coordination in nickel-manganese spinels for methanol electrooxidation catalysis

Ruiying Guo, Chunru Liu, Yun Yang,\* Shuli Wang and Ligang Feng\*



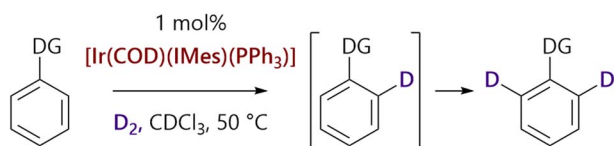
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### Simulation of ultrafast transient absorption spectra of a perylene-based light harvesting antenna

Royle Perez-Castillo, Victor M. Freixas, Aliezer Martinez-Mesa, Llinersy Uranga-Piña, Maxim F. Gelin, Sergei Tretiak and Sebastian Fernandez-Alberti\*

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### Probing substrate binding and release events in iridium-catalysed hydrogen isotope exchange reactions

Daria S. Timofeeva, William J. Kerr,\* David M. Lindsay\* and David J. Nelson\*

- Mono- versus difunctionalisation in C-H activation
- Categorisation of directing groups based on behaviour
- Key events: associative substrate exchange, C-DG rotation

## CORRECTIONS

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### Correction: Pronounced electronic modulation of geometrically-regulated metalloenediyne cyclization

Sarah E. Lindahl, Erin M. Metzger, Chun-Hsing Chen, Maren Pink and Jeffrey M. Zaleski\*

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### Correction: Water entropy at the threonine-rich surface of antifreeze and ice-nucleating proteins: small changes make a big difference

Debasis Saha, Rahul Aich, Arnab Mukherjee\* and Biman Jana\*

